Docket No. 87355.1721 (formerly 114293.1721) Customer No. 30734

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AND CONTRACTOR OF CENTER 2800

In re Application of:

Durval S. RIBEIRO et al.

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Examiner: Thanh S. PHAN

PLUG-IN MODULE FOR PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE For:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 31, 2002, having a threemonth shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 31, 2002. A petition for a two-month extension is requested with a fee of \$400.00 submitted herewith. The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13.

Please amend claims 6 and 14 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims showing the changes made below is submitted herewith.

(Amended) An apparatus for adding functionality to a portable electronic device, comprising:

a housing sized to be accepted by a housing port of a portable electronic device, the housing having an interior portions; and